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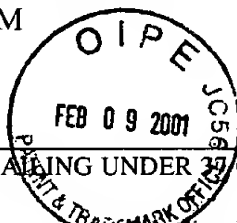
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Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

- ☒ Letter to Examiner
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98
- ☒ Form PTO-1449 with copies of cited references

A check is not enclosed. Authorization to charge the fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account 23/2825, is hereby given **provided the Final Office Action is withdrawn**. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 720-3500, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,
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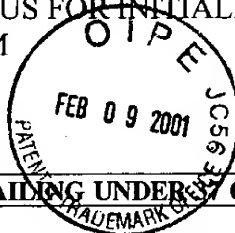
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LETTER TO EXAMINER

The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 (with enclosed references) is being filed after the mailing of a Final Office Action in the above-identified application. For the reasons asserted in Applicants' January 23, 2001 response to the Final Office Action, Applicants believe that the Final Office Action is improper and should be withdrawn. In the event that the Final Office Action is withdrawn, then the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement should be considered pursuant to MPEP §609 B(2). The relevant portion of this section, at page 600-107, states:

If a final action or notice of allowance is mailed in an application and later withdrawn, the application will be considered as not having had a final action or notice of allowance mailed for purposes of considering an information disclosure statement.

Although no fee is enclosed, authorization to charge the fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account 23/2825, is hereby given **provided the Final Office Action is withdrawn.**

If the Final Office Action is not withdrawn, then no authorization to charge the fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is given, and Applicants respectfully request that the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, and references cited therein be placed in the file of the above identified application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(i).

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